

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

In an ~~An~~ optical reading system comprising an optical reader and a host processor. ~~In one aspect of the invention,~~ the host processor may be configured to transmit a component control instruction in response to a user input command input by a user of the host processor to remotely control the reader. The optical reader subsequently receives the transmitted component control instruction and executes the component control instruction substantially on receipt thereof. ~~In one embodiment, execution of the component control instruction by the optical reader has the same effect as the reader trigger being manually pulled by a reader operator.~~